

U.S. Application No. 10/647,297  
Atty. Docket No. 47881-000003/US

**Group I:** Claims 1-16, drawn to a polishing pad, classified in class 428, subclass 304.4+;  
or

**Group II:** Claims 17-31, drawing to a method of making a polishing pad, classified in  
class 521, subclass 64.

**Applicants' Election**

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, including claims 1-16 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

**Conclusion**

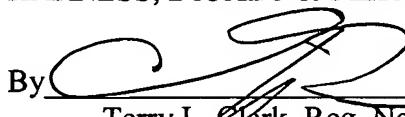
An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-16 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$60.00 extension fee (small entity) herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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